

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Patriot's Day commemorates the first battles of the American Revolutionary War, which were fought near Boston, Massachusetts, in the areas of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775 ; and

WHEREAS: Patriot's Day honors our emerging Nation's patriots, like Paul Revere, who warned Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and local Militias of the marching British troops; and

WHEREAS: The battles of Lexington and Concord are where the famous "Shot heard round the world," and the beginning of the battle for American Independence began. Where local militia took up arms and confronted British troops, marking the first American victory of the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS: During this Patriots Day, we honor all patriots at the Battle of Lexington and Concord and our soldiers throughout the generations, thanking them for their commitment to our country, and recall their legacy of patriotism. By giving their lives in the cause of freedom, these heroes have protected and inspired all Americans; and

WHEREAS: The freedoms we enjoy today are a direct result of the courage, sacrifice, and devotion of American Patriots. We, as American citizens, are grateful for their strength and dedication to our Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 19th, 2020,

PATRIOTS DAY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2020.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor